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FOR STARKEY/SUGAR & TROPICAL PRODUCTS/FCA

SUBJECT: TYPHOON DAMAGES PHILIPPINE SUGAR CROP

TOFAS 17.

1. A TYPHOON STRUCK THE PHILIPPINES LATE IN THE EVENING OF JAN. 24 AND PASSED INTO THE SOUTH CHINA SEA EARLY IN THE MORNING OF JAN. 25. THE TYPHOON, MOVING IN A NORTHWESTERNLY DIRECTION, TOUCHED NORTHERN MINDANAO, BOHOL, SOUTHERN LEYTE, CEBU, NEGROS AND PANAY. APPARENTLY THE MAIN SUGARCANE AREAS OF NEGROS AND PANAY WERE DIRECTLY IN THE PATH OF THE CONCENTRATED FORCE OF WINDS WHICH WERE ESTIMATED BY THE WEATHER BUREAU TO BE 90 KM/HR OVER NEGROS AND 85KM/HR OVER PANAY.

2. THE SUGAR QUOTA ADMINISTRATION (SQA) HAD PREVIOUSLY LOWERED ITS SEPTEMBER ESTIMATE OF OVER 2.9 MILLION SHORT TONS TO 2.6 MILLION SHORT TONS AS A RESULT OF OCT-NOV TYPHOONS IN NORTHERN LUZON. SQA HAS NOW LOWERED ITS ESTIMATE TO 2.4 MILLION TONS BECAUSE OF THE RECENT TYPHOON.

3. WE ARE STILL COLLECTING INFORMATION FOR OUR ASSESSMENT OF THE DAMAGE. THE SQA DAMAGE ASSESSMENT OF 200,000 SHORT TONS MAY BE ABOUT IN LINE WITH OUR THINKING BUT WE DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE DETAILS TO SUPPORT A DAMAGE ESTIMATE AT THIS TIME.

4. SINCE WE DO NOT AGREE WITH THE SQA ESTIMATED DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE OCT-NOV TYPHOONS OUR NEW ESTIMATE OF THE SIZE OF 1974-75 CROP, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE MOST RECENT DAMAGE, WILL PROBABLY FALL

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BETWEEN 2.6 AND 2.7 MILLION SHORT TONS. A FIRMER ESTIMATE WILL

BE DEVELOPED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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